



**SCHOOL CALENDAR
2004 - 2005**

Wednesday, July 14	Re-registration Interview Day for Current Students
Wednesday, September 1	Teachers return
September 2 – September 3	New Student Orientation Sessions
Monday, September 6	Labor Day (no school)
Tuesday, September 7	First Day of School
Wednesday, September 15	Principal's Writing Challenge #1
September 20 – September 24	Fall SAT-9 Testing
Wednesday, October 6	Midterm Progress Check – Parent-Teacher-Student Conference Day (no school)
Monday, October 11	Columbus Day (no school)
November 2 – November 4	Advisory One Exams
Wednesday, November 10	End of First Marking Period
Thursday, November 11	Veteran's Day (no school)
Friday, November 12	Professional Development Day (no school)
Friday November 19	First Advisory Report Cards mailed home
November 22 – November 26	Thanksgiving Holiday (no school)
Wednesday, December 15	Principal's Writing Challenge #2
Monday, December 20	Winter Recess begins (no school)
Monday, January 3	Classes resume
Monday, January 17	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (no school)
January 26 – January 28	Advisory Two Exams
Friday, February 4	End of Second Marking Period
Wednesday, February 16	Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences (report cards issued)
Monday, February 21	Presidents' Day (no school)
Wednesday, March 16	Principal's Writing Challenge #3
March 22 – March 24	Advisory Three Exams
Friday, March 25	Spring Recess begins (no school)
Monday, April 4	Classes resume
Friday, April 15	End of Third Marking Period
Friday April 22	Third Advisory Report Cards mailed home
April 25 – April 29	District of Columbia's Criterion Reference Test

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May 4 – May 6	Teacher's Institute & Select Parent-Teacher Conferences (no school)
Monday, May 9	Classes resume
May 17 – May 20	Advisory Four Exams
May 24 – May 27	Spring SAT-9 Testing
May 24 – May 27	End of Course Final Exams
Monday, May 30	Memorial Day (no school)
Tuesday, May 31	June I.C.E. Begins
Friday, June 17	End of Fourth Marking Period
Friday, June 17	End of Regular Classes
June 20 – June 21	End-of-Term Recess
June 22– June 23	School Trip (tentative)
June 24 – August 12	Summer Recess begins
Monday, August 15	Teachers return
Monday, August 22	First Day of School for Students

Notes:

- First advisory parent-teacher conferences scheduled at the midterm of the first advisory to get parents on board immediately and take quick corrective action as needed with those beginning to show signs of poor progress, i.e. low homework completion, rule breaking, poor punctuality, etc. First advisory report cards will be mailed home instead of delivered to parents at conferences.
- Veteran's Day is on a Thursday. Anticipating low attendance on Friday; therefore, scheduled a professional development day to check in with teachers about being on the right track. If teachers would prefer meet on Thursday and have three day weekend, faculty votes, majority wins (or 2/3 wins?).
- Grade turn around time – there are six business days from the end of the advisory until the report cards need to be mailed. Teachers may have a few hours of the professional development day as record keeping thereby facilitating timeliness. Completed grades due to Summer by COB on the 16th. Report Cards printed by COB 17th and review by counselor and principal by COB on 18th. Assistant will mail by COB on the 19th. Reasonable timeline?
- One full week Thanksgiving holiday.
- Two full weeks for Winter Break
- Similar timeline for remaining report cards. Parent-Teacher-Student conferences scheduled at advisory 2. Perfect time to begin discussions of possible retention and serious concerns. Advisory 3 report cards mailed home because of interruption caused by testing and spring break.
- Spring Break is same as DCPS.
- Two day student week following D.C.'s CRT. Professional Development and urgent P-T-S conferences re: remedial summer programs, retention, etc.
- In late May we administer the SAT-9 for accountability reports and longitudinal data collection.
- June 17th is last day of regular school.
- Character Education Retreat is tentatively scheduled Wed, Thurs of the next week. Summer to begin immediately (35 hours for summer program).
- Front load calendar for whole school sessions (school to begin on August 22). We begin two weeks before DCPS (presumably) with regular 8:00 to 4:30 days. We get summer funding for this period (85 hours). All students to attend. Schedule a three day weekend at the end of September or early October (for sanity sake).
- Concerts and Award ceremonies not scheduled yet because need for adequate space. Rent or borrow assembly hall, chapel, some space for the coming year.